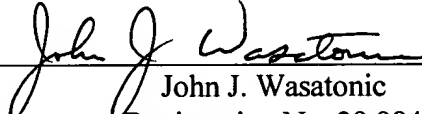




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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2000, the period for response having been extended to February 23, 2001, by the accompanying petition and fee, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and reexamination of the claims in view of the following

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